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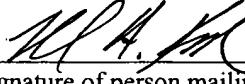
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, which was filed by Applicants on February 21, 2006, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 27, 2006, and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the

appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is a reply to the final Office action mailed on August 19, 2005.

Enclosed is a check for \$395.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination.

Also enclosed is a petition to extend the period for filing the Request for Continued Examination for five months, to and including September 27, 2006, and a check for the required fee.

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